



- Mazel Tov to Ira and Lauren Somers and family on the Bris of their son, Asher Yosef Somers.
- Mazel Tov to the proud new grandparents, Diane and Howard Okrent, on the Bris of their grandson, born to their children, Elana and Judd Bogdansky.
- Mazel Tov to Shira and Mendel Kupfer on the birth of a baby boy. Mazel Tov to the smiling sister and brother, Penina and Yedidya, and the Bubbies and Zaydies, Michele and Kenny Miller and Samuel and Cheryl Kupfer.

This Shabbos

Kiddush this week is community sponsored.
There is no Shalosh Seudos this Shabbos.

Shabbos Shiurim

Parsha Chaburah: 7:55 am
 Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: 8:15 am
 Medical Halacha Shiur: Between Mincha and Maariv
 Medical malpractice in halacha: is a doctor, nurse, or layperson responsible for making an error?
 Chaburah: There will be no Chaburah this week.

Pirchei of Bala Cynwyd

Pirchei of Bala Cynwyd will iy"H meet this Shabbos, from 2:45 to 3:45pm, at LMS in the Social Hall. If you would like to help sponsor a Shabbos or want information contact Rabbi Ari Silver at 610-6686-6833 or SilverDollar@verizon.net.

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd will iy"H meet this Shabbos, from 2:45 to 3:45pm, at LMS. Yearly membership is (past) due! (\$36/girl, \$90 family maximum) - checks can be made payable to Bnos and sent to Meira Friedman.

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Parshas Vayigash
December 25-26

פרשת ויגש
ט' טבת



Shabbos Davening Times



Candle lighting:	4:23 pm
Mincha - Friday:	4:25 pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:42 am
Shacharis:	8:45 am
Mincha:	4:20 pm
Maariv:	5:26 pm

Next Shabbos

Candle lighting:	4:28 pm
Mincha - Friday:	4:28 pm

Asarah b'Teves (Sunday December 27)

Fast Begins 6:10 am

Fast Ends 5:27 pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday and Friday:	8:00 am
	Monday and Thursday:	6:40 am
	Tuesday and Wednesday:	6:50 am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sunday:	4:10 pm
Maariv:	Monday through Thursday:	7:45 pm

Weekday Shiurim

Mussar:	15 min before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Monday and Wednesday after Maariv
Hilchos Tzedaka:	Monday 8:30 pm
Nefesh HaChaim:	Thursday 10:15 pm
Check with Dr Daniel Eisenberg to confirm.	

Weekly Events

Chevra Mishnayos: Now learning Seder Moed. See shul bulletin board to sign up or email Moshe Eisenberg at eisenber@pol.net and include your name (as you would like it to appear on the sign-up sheet in shul) and which masechta (or chapters thereof) you intend to learn.

Women's Tehillim Group: Mondays 10:45 am at 8 Concord Circle followed by the Rabbi's Chovos Halevavos shuir.

Save the Date: Scholar in Residence

We are pleased to announce that Rav Mayer Twersky, Rosh Yeshiva at Rabbi Isaac Elchonon Theological Seminary, will be joining us for a Shabbaton on January 16th and 17th. Details of this exciting program will be forthcoming.

Thank you to Jay Rosenblum and Ira Sved who volunteered their time and snow plows to help clear all the white stuff around the Shul. This was a big job and they were extremely forthcoming and magnanimous when we needed them. Thanks!

All submissions, suggestions and sponsorship should be sent (by Wednesday evening) to weeklyupdate@yiml.org

Thought of the Week

Before sending them back to Canaan, Yosef gave his brothers the following instructions: "Do not become agitated on the way" (al tirgezu b'derech) [Bereshis 45:24]. The Gemara [Ta'anis 10b] interprets these words to mean "Do not take big steps". What does this mean?

The Kotzker Rebbe explains that Yosef knew exactly what was going through his brothers' minds. They just found out that Yosef was still alive. They knew what this would mean to their father. These were the days before the telephone, before the telegram, and before other means of instant communication that we have today. It took several days to travel from Egypt back to Eretz Canaan. They were thinking, "We can't wait to tell our father the news. This is a three day trip. We are going to make it in a day and a half!" Yosef therefore told them to travel at a normal pace.

Why? The Kotzker explains that when G-d brings suffering upon a person, He decrees that the suffering will end on such and such a day at such and such an hour at such and such a minute and at such a such a second. It will not depart a moment earlier or a moment later. Therefore, it does not help for them to think that they can make it happen quicker. The exact amount of time that Yaakov had to suffer thinking his son was murdered was preordained. If the brothers would have tried to speed up or take short cuts, they would not have gotten there any sooner.

The Imrei Shammai cites a similar explanation from the Baal HaTurim. According to the Baal HaTurim, Yosef's message when he told his brothers "Al Tirgezu b'Derech" was: don't go through fields that have already been sown. In other words, don't think you are on such a holy and urgent mission that it justifies stepping on someone's corn crop thinking "this is important! So what if this guy has a little less corn this year?" Yosef instructed them, "don't do that. Don't use your connections with the viceroy in Egypt to justify physical or moral shortcuts. Stay on the main highway. Don't take special privileges. Shortcuts are not going to help. It will happen whenever it is going to happen."

*Adapted from "What's Your Hurry?" by Rabbi Frand.
<http://torah.org/learning/ravfrand/5765/vayigash.html>*

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